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SUBJECT: JUNE 19 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. SENATE CONFEREES REJECT EFFORTS MODIFY EAGLETON AMENDMENT FORBIDDING USE OF US FUNDS TO BOMB IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS. BILL NOW GOES TO HOUSE. SPEAKER ALBERT SAYS VOTE MAY BE DELAYED UNTIL BREZHNEV DEPARTURE; HE BELIEVES HOUSE WILL APPROVE BILL. IF THIS HAPPENS, PRESIDENT WILL HAVE 10 DAYS TO SIGN OR VETO. MAJORITY LEADER O'NEILL BELIEVES HAK'S PLEA FOR "MORE TIME" WON'T DETER HOUSE ANTI- BOMBING SENTIMENT (SUN, NYT, PHINQ, WP, CHITRIB).

2. DEFENSE SECRETARY- DESIGNATE SCHLESINGER TELLS SASC HE FAVORS REDUCING OR ELIMINATING B-52 RAIDS OVER CAMBODIA, BUT BELIEVES FIGHTER- BOMBING AND AERIAL SUPPLY OF KHMER TOWNS AND FANK NECESSARY IN SEARCH FOR KHMER SETTLEMENT. SYMINGTON DISAGREES, AND SCHLESINGER SAYS HE WILL EXAMINE TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT OPS. SCHLESINGER ALSO SAID HE COULDN'T EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF RESUMPTION NVN BOMBING BUT DIDN'T BELIEVE "SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES ARE ABOUT TO COME ABOUT." HIS CONFIRMATION SEEN LIKELY (SUN, WSJ, NYT).

3. ICCS CHOPPER FIRED AT BUT NOT HIT OVER VC- CONTROLLED AREA NEAR PLEIKU. NO TPJMC PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING PARIS COMMUNIQUE, INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING OF BATTLE-FIELD COMMANDERS. RVN FONMIN ISSUES STRONGLY- WORDED COMMUNIQUE ACCUSING COMMUNISTS OF 300 C- F VIOLATIONS SINCE FRIDAY (CHITRIB, SUN). NYT'S BUTTERFIELD IN SAIGON REPORTS US AIDES OPTIMISTIC DESPITE SPORADIC FIGHTING. ARVN ARTILLERY FIRE DOWN DRAMATICALLY AND THERE ALMOST NO VNAF AIR STRIKES - SIGN THAT ARVN POSITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN UNDER ATTACK. GVN REPORTS ASSASSINATION OF HAMLET CHIEF AND EIGHT MEMBERS HIS FAMILY IN DELTA (NYT).

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4. JEC PARIS TALKS RESUME. MAURICE WILLIAMS TELLS NEWSMEN "WE SEEK A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA." DRV'S CHAU SAYS IT WOULD BE "PRESUMPTUOUS" TO PREDICT HOW TALKS WILL GO (NYT, SUN, WP, PHINQ).

5. NYT'S SHIPLER AT HONOLULU CITES HIGH- RANKING OFFICER SAYING USN DOES NOT INTEND REMOVE ALL DEACTIVATED MINES FROM BOTTOM OF HAIPHONG HARBOR, BUT WILL MAKE CERTAIN THEY ARE HARMLESS. HE BELIEVES DRV OFFICIALS MAY OBJECT, BUT DECISION COULD BE MODIFIED THROUGH DISCUSSIONS. STRESSED DIFFICULTY AND POSSIBLE DANGER INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO DIG UP MINES THAT HAVE SETTLED IN MUD. BESIDES HE SAYS, "PRACTICALLY ALL THE MINES INVOLVED

HAVE LONG SINCE STERILIZED THEMSELVES ANYWAY. A LOT OF COMMERCE HAS BEEN GOING IN AND OUT OF HAIPHONG HARBOR" (NYT).

6. WSJ'S KANN IN SAIGON SAYS ESTIMATES OF SVN'S FUTURE ARE DIME A DOZEN. DISCOUNTS PROSPECTS FOR ELECTIONS LEADING TO POLITICAL SETTLEMENT ON GROUNDS LACK OF MUTUAL TRUST; SEES LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF DE FACTO TERRITORIAL DELINEATION AND BELIEVES MOST AREAS WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONTESTED; DOUBTS WAR WILL FADE AWAY AS RESULT OF LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS ALTHOUGH THERE WILL BE SOME AS IN PAST; DISCOUNTS PREDICTIONS OF MAJOR COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE BECAUSE OF DANGER OF RESUMED BOMBING OF NVN AND BECAUSE THIS WOULD BE ADMISSION BY COMMUNISTS THAT THEY CAN'T MATCH GVN IN NONMILITARY CONTEST.

7. KI CONTINUE ASSAULTS ON HIGHWAY 4 THIRTEEN MILES WEST OF PP. USAF PLANES STRIKE NEAR BEK CHAN AND ANG SNUOL. HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES ON HIGHWAYS 5 AND 6 NORTH OF PP. 14- VESSEL MEKONG CONVOY REACHES PP AFTER RUNNING

THROUGH FIRE FROM KI POSITIONS; ONE VESSEL SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE FROM ENEMY ROCKET. BECAUSE OF APPARENTLY DETERIORATING SITUATION, JAPANESE EMBASSY, FOR SECOND TIME, ADVISES JAPANESE RESIDENTS IN CAMBODIA TO LEAVE TEMPORARILY. ONLY JAPAN ADVISED ITS NATIONALS TO LEAVE, UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORDING PRELIMINARY INQUIRIES, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL EMBASSIES HAVE EVACUATED DEPENDENTS (UPI, NYT). WP PP REPORTS THAT, FOR FIRST TIME, KI FORCES HAVE CUT ALL SIX MAIN ROADS LEADING TO PP. RAINY SEASON, NOW BEGINNING, EXPECTED TO GIVE FANK SOME RESPITE.

8. FROM MOSCOW, SUN'S MICHAEL PARKS CITES MONGOLIAN SOURCES ASSERTING THAT US- MONGOLIA DISCUSSIONS ON ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS HAVE BEEN SERIOUS AND ARE MAKING " GOOD PROGRESS." PARK SAYS BOTH USSR AND PRC LIKELY BE PLEASED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF US- MPR RELATIONS, THE LATTER BECAUSE BROADER RECOGNITION LESSENS MPR DEPENDENCE ON MOSCOW.

9. REUTER PEKING (NYT) REPORTS TENG YING- CHAO (MME. CHOU) TOLD VISITING GROUP OF AMERICAN WOMEN (INCLUDING MRS. ROBERT MC NAMARA) THAT CIA LEARNED OF LIN PIAO'S DEATH BEFORE RUSSIANS. TENG ALSO SAID MAO'S AUTHORITY HAD BEEN UPSET " AND THERE WERE DISTURBANCES" DURING GPCR, AND SPOKE AT LENGTH ON SOVIET BORDER THREAT.

10. DON OBERDORFER (WP) REPORTS TANAKA AND LDP SUFFERED NEW BLOW AT HANDS JCP WHOSE FEMALE CANDIDATE WON OSAKA

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR UPPER HOUSE SEAT. JCP NOW HAS 11 SEATS IN UPPER HOUSE, HAS RIGHT TO SUBMIT ITS OWN BILLS AND PRESENT AMENDMENTS TO BILLS IN THAT CHAMBER. JCP EMPHASIZED GRASS ROOTS POLITICS RATHER THAN IDEOLOGY, AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF PUBLIC PROTESTS AGAINST SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS, ESPECIALLY ECOLOGY/ POLLUTION, HIGH LAND PRICES, INFLATION.

11. NYDN REPORTS (UPI SEOUL) SOVIET AUTHORITIES GRANTED ONE- DAY SIGHTSEEING VISAS TO TWO SOUTH KOREAN BUSINESSMEN DURING WEEKEND. THIS SPARKED SPECULATION THAT RUSSIANS MAY BE SEEKING IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH SEOUL.

12. NYDN REPORTS (AP MANILA) GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS WARN THAT PHILIPPINES MUST IMPORT 450,000 TONS RICE BEFORE END OF JULY TO AVERT FOOD CRISIS.

13. JOC REPORTS THAT ACCORDING TO USDA FOREIGN AGRI-
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CULTURE MAGAZINE, AUSTRALIA NOW WORLD' S LARGEST BEEF AND VEAL EXPORTER, SURPASSING ARGENTINA. EXPANDED EXPORT

TRADE PRECIPITATED BY STRONG WORLDWIDE DEMAND AND EASING OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

14. S- N' S CRITCHFIELD (JUNE 18), IN BANGKOK, ANALYZES PRC ROLE IN THAILAND ON OCCASION OF CHINESE TABLE TENNIS TEAM VISIT. NOTING THAT DEPUTY HEAD OF PING PONG TEAM IS CHEN JUI- SHENG, POLITICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE SEA AFFAIRS WHO ESCORTED THAI COMMERCE MINISTER PRASIT DURING THAI PING PONG TEAM' S AUGUST VISIT TO PEKING, CRITCHFIELD COMMENTS THAT THAI SEARCH FOR BETTER RELATIONS MAY MOVE A STEP FORWARD WITH BEHIND- THE- SCENES POLITICAL TALKS DURING CHINESE VISIT. AMONG MAJOR FACTORS IN ANY REAL REFORMULATION OF BANGKOK' S CHINA POLICY ARE, ACCORDING CRITCHFIELD, US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND, THAI MEMBERSHIP IN SEATO, PRESENCE OF THREE MILLION OVERSEAS CHINESE, PRC' S CONTINUING SUPPORT OF COMMUNIST INSURGENTS IN NE THAILAND AND MEO HILL TRIBALS IN NORTH. US MILITARY PRESENCE VIEWED AS LEAST THORNY ISSUE IN ANY BARGAINING. WHILE CHINESE- LED THAI INSURGENTS EXPLOIT US BASES IN THEIR PROPAGANDA, THEY HAVE NEITHER ATTACKED INSTALLATIONS NOR HARASSED LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS. SUCH SAPPER ATTACKS AS HAVE BEEN MOUNTED (FIVE) CAME FROM NVA POSITIONS IN LAOS. THERE IS RE- MARKABLY LITTLE CONNECTION BETWEEN THAI INSURGENCY, WHOSE LEADERS ARE MOSTLY OF CHINESE DESCENT, AND HANOI- RUN WAR IN INDOCHINA. THERE ARE SOME 40,000 VIETNAMESE LIVING IN NE THAILAND, 80 OF WHOM US EXPERTS BELIEVE UNDER TIGHT HANOI DISCIPLINE; YET NONE HAVE TAKEN PART IN INSURGENCY. IN PHONG SALY PROVINCE, LAOS, PRC IS

BUILDING TWO ROADS CONNECTING CHINA WITH THAI INSURGENTS. SOME 15,000 PRC TROOPS GARRISON ROAD, MAKE NO ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE NVN DIRECTION OF PL AROUND THEM. SUCH EVIDENCE TENDS TO CONFIRM VIEW HELD BY US OFFICIALS IN BANGKOK, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR UNGER, THAT PRC TACITLY SUPPORTS TEMPORARY CONTINUATION OF US MILITARY PRESENCE AS NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE SHAKY VN PEACE ACCORDS. HOWEVER, SINCE MATERIAL PRC SUPPORT FOR THAI INSURGENCY APPEARS TO HAVE GROWN SINCE SINO- US RAPPROCHEMENT, THAIS TAKE IT UNCLASSIFIED

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AS EVIDENCE THAT PEKING HAS NOT ABANDONED " PEOPLE' S WAR OF NATIONAL LIBERATION."

15. S- N' S BRADSHER (JUNE 18), IN HONG KONG, DISCUSSES TENSIONS UNDER SURFACE AS RESULT POLITICAL RE- EMERGENCE OF SUCH GPCR PURGE VICTIMS AS TENG TSIAO- PING WHILE THEIR TORMENTORS, INCLUDING CHIANG CHING AND YAO WEN- YUEN ARE STILL AROUND. SEES IMMINENT " REHABILITATION" OF TAO CHU. OF ORIGINAL PURGE TARGETS, LIU SHAO- CHI IS ONLY MAIN ONE CLEARLY DOOMED TO ETERNAL DAMNATION. SOME

PURGE VICTIMS, NOW IN RETIREMENT, REPORTEDLY REFUSE TO COME BACK TO WORK UNLESS THEY GET PUBLIC APOLOGIES FROM GPCR INSTIGATORS.

16. CDN' S KEYES BEECH (JUNE 13), IN PEKING, DEBUNKS NOTION THAT CHINA IS ENORMOUS ANTHILL WHERE CHINESE " ARE RUSHING ABOUT IN A FRENZY OF REVOLUTIONARY FERVOR." NOTES GOVERNMENT WORKERS IN PEKING GET MORNING AND AFTERNOON " TEA BREAKS," LONG LUNCHESES. CANTON BUSIEST DURING FALL AND SPRING TRADE FAIRS, BUT NO BUSINESS DONE BETWEEN 11 A. M. AND 2:30 P. M.

17. CDN (JUNE 13) REPORTS 20 CHICAGO YOUTHS WILL LEAVE JULY 23 ON 15- DAY CHINA TOUR. YOUTH SELECTED FROM LIST OF ABOUT 300 APPLICANTS BY CITIZENS PANEL APPOINTED BY MAYOR DALEY AS PART OF THE MODEL CITIES- CHICAGO COMMITTEE ON URBAN OPPORTUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

18. LAT' S JAMESON, IN TOKYO, REPORTS JAPANESE AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE YASUKAWA WANTS TO ADD MORE " CALCULATION OF NATIONAL INTEREST" TO, AND REBUILD " EMOTIONALISM" IN, US- JAPANESE RELATIONS. CITES YASUKAWA COMMENT THAT " WHEN THE UNITED STATES SAYS SOMETHING, IT IS ALWAYS INTERPRETED AS (APPLYING) PRESSURE AND, TOO OFTEN, IT HAS BEEN JAPANESE THINKING TO EQUATE REPULSING WHATEVER THE UNITED STATES SAYS WITH PROTECTING JAPAN. IN OTHER WORDS, TO WHATEVER THE UNITED STATES SAYS, RESPONDING 'NO' HAS BEEN CONSIDERED THE WAY TO MAINTAIN OUR NATIONAL INTEREST." YASUKAWA INTENDS PROMOTE MORE EXCHANGES TO ELIMINATE US- JAPAN " COMMUNICATIONS GAP".

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19. CSM' S COOLEY, IN BEIRUT, REPORTS THAT STATEMENTS BY PRC FONMIN CHI IN TEHRAN SUGGEST EMERGENCE OF TACIT CHINA- IRAN- PAKISTAN ALLIANCE TO OPPOSE SOVIET EXPANSION IN PERSIAN GULF AND INDIAN SUBCONTINENT. CHI EX-PRESSLY DISAVOWED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR ARAB GUERRILLAS FIGHTING IRAN AND SULTAN OF OMAN. HE SAID SHAH " HAS THE RIGHT TO ENFORCE" IRANIAN " MILITARY POTENTIAL TO FIGHT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" IN GULF COUNTRIES, ADDING THAT IRAN' S POLICY OF STRENGTH " CAN PHILOSOPHICALLY BE COMPARED TO THE CHINESE NATIONAL LINE OF ACTION." COOLEY SAYS PRC SWING AWAY FROM ARAB REVOLUTIONARIES AND TOWARD SUPPORT FOR ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENTS BEGAN JULY 1971 - A DEPARTURE FROM EXTREMISM OF LIN PIAO, WHO FAVORED BACKING " REVOLUTION" EVERYWHERE. OBSERVES, HOWEVER, THAT ISRAELI OVERTURES TO PEKING HAVE SO FAR BEEN REBUFFED.

20. SUN' S WOODRUFF, IN HONG KONG, SAYS THAT BY ENGAGEMENT IN ACTIVITIES INVOLVING FOREIGN DIGNITARIES, MAO " HAS COME DOWN HARD ON THE SIDE OF THE INTERNATIONALISTS." HIS FAILURE TO GIVE EQUAL ENDORSEMENT TO INCREASINGLY MODERATE DOMESTIC POLICIES IDENTIFIED WITH CHOU IS TAKEN BY MANY ANALYSTS TO SUGGEST POST- GPCR STRUGGLE AMONG TOP COMMUNISTS REMAINS ACUTE. WIDELY ASSUMED EITHER THAT MANY OFFICIALS NOW BEING REHABILITATED WOULD WELCOME PUNISHMENT FOR OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR HUMILIATIONS, OR THAT MANY RADICALS ARE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT RETURN OF MEN THEY SENT OFF TO COUNTRYSIDE.

21. FINANCIAL TIMES' COLINA MACDOUGALL (CSM) NOTES THIRD CONSECUTIVE DRY SEASON MAY COMPEL CHINA TO CONTINUE HEAVY PURCHASES OF FOOD- GRAINS. TO CONTINUE TO DIVERT MORE THAN \$500 MILLION FOREIGN EXCHANGE ANNUALLY TO BUY FOOD- GRAINS WHEN CHINA ALREADY HAS CONTRACTED FOR SIZEABLE QUANTITIES OF WESTERN TECHNOLOGICAL PRODUCTS COULD POSE PROBLEMS WHICH CHINA CAN DEAL WITH EITHER BY DELAYING PURCHASES OR BY ACCEPTING MUCH MORE LONG- TERM CREDIT.

22. REUTER KUCHING (CHITRIB) REPORTS GUERRILLA WARFARE
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SMOULDERING IN SARAWAK; 1,000 GUERRILLAS TIE DOWN 15,000 TROOPS. RAZAK SAYS SECURITY FORCES HAVE CONTAINED GUERRILLAS, BUT DESCRIBES SARAWAK COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION, (SCO) MEMBERSHIP OF WHICH LARGELY DRAWN FROM CHINESE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AS POTENT THREAT. CLOSER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION OF SCHOOLS AND CONTINUED CLOSE

COOPERATION BETWEEN MALAYSIAN AND INDO SECURITY FORCES
AMONG MEASURES TAKEN TO COPE WITH SCO THREAT.

23. GLOBE'S CROCKER SNOW (JUNE 18), IN TOKYO, REPORTS
SONY PRESIDENT MORITA AT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS CLUB
CRITICIZED AMERICANS FOR BEING TOO ARROGANT, IMPATIENT,
ILL- PREPARED AND PAROCHIAL TO SUCCEED IN COMPETITION
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